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Three Alarm Hotel Fire Leads to Evacuation of Occupants

Shreveport--- The Holiday Inn Downtown was the scene of a three-alarm multi-story commercial building fire that kept 60 Shreveport firefighters and paramedics busy for 40 minutes evacuating occupants, extinguishing fire and ejecting smoke.

Shreveport Firefighters were dispatched at 12:50 P.M. and arrived on scene at 12:54 P.M., and reported heavy smoke coming from the fourth window on the sixth floor. At 01:03 P.M., Battalion Chief Scott Rothel, the on- scene Incident Commander, upgraded the incident to a third alarm requesting additional manpower and equipment to safely evacuate occupants and gain control of the incident. The incident required the use of 10 fire engines, 3 ladder trucks, 2 heavy rescue trucks, 3 battalion chiefs and 2 medic units; the flames were under control by 01:19 P.M.

Fire Investigator Josh McCullum determined that the fire originated near the HVAC unit and a stool in room 633. The fire was contained to the room origin because the sprinkler system activated and served its purpose. No injuries were reported. The cause of this fire remains under investigation.

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